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In re application of

Toshimitsu ISHIKAWA et al.

Serial No. 09/393,168

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of December 8, 2000, constituting a requirement for election of species, the time for responding thereto being extended for four months in accordance with a Petition for extension submitted herewith, Applicants hereby make the following provisional elections:

As between species (A) and species (B), Applicants provisionally elect species (B).

As between species (C) and species (D), Applicants provisionally elect species (C).

As among species (E), species (F) and species (G), Applicants provisionally elect species (E).

All of claims 1-20 read on the elected species.

These elections are made while reserving Applicants' rights under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application for the non-elected subject matter.

enter soluble  
dietary fiber  
- unspec.  
stabil

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Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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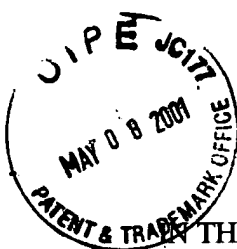
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Sir:

Attached hereto is a check in the amount of \$695.00 to cover Patent Office fees relating to filing the following attached papers:

Petition for Extension of Time ..... \$695.00

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